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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

c/o Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

May 10, 2001

Mr. Mike Light
Solutia Inc.
Manager, Remedial Projects
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Re: U.S. EPA UAO - Docket No. V-W-99-C-554
Time Critical Removal Action Work Plan for
Dead Creek Sediment and Soil Removal and TSCA Containment Cell Design Report
Sauget and Cahokia, Illinois

Dear Mr. Light:

After reviewing your e-mail response (dated 5-9-01) to my e-mail (dated 5-8-01) and in consultation with Illinois EPA, the U.S. EPA is willing to approve the above referenced document in anticipation of final resolution of all agency comments. As you know, Illinois EPA has a few additional comments on the TSCA Containment Cell Design Report submitted on April 2, 2001. These comments will be delivered under separate cover. Resolution of these remaining issues are imperative to the success of this project.

In the interest of maintaining a schedule which maximizes this construction season, and in light of all three entities' (U.S. EPA, Illinois EPA and Solutia) commitment to work through the last few issues, the U.S. EPA approves the Time Critical Removal Action Work Plan. Solutia may begin the construction of the containment cell at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin Turner", is written over the typed name.

Kevin Turner
U.S. EPA

cc: Mike McAteer - U.S. EPA
Rob Watson - Illinois EPA
Candy Morin - Illinois EPA

Tom Martin - U.S. EPA
Mike Henry - Illinois DNR
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